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Description

[0001] The present invention relates to a method for providing a secure communication between two devices, in particular between devices used in a pay TV system.

[0002] In a pay TV system each subscriber generally has a decoder for descrambling the source component signal, wherein said decoder comprises a conditional access module and a smart card for decrypting entitlement control messages and entitlement management messages. In order to prevent unauthorized operation of the decoder for descrambling a source component signal it is important to prevent switching between an authorized and an unauthorized smart card for example.

[0003] EP-A-0 428 252 discloses a method for providing a secure communication between two devices and an application of this method in a pay TV system. In this known method the authenticity of a second device, i.e. a smart card, is checked by a first device.

[0004] US-A-5 029 207 discloses a method for providing a secure communication between two devices and an application of this method in a pay TV system. In this known method a first key is transmitted in an encrypted message from an encoder to a decoder and the decoder decrypts this message to obtain the first key to decrypt the program signal. A secret serial number is used for encryption and decryption. There are no transmissions from the decoder to the encoder.

[0005] The invention aims to provide a method of the above-mentioned type wherein the communication between two devices, such as the control access module and the smart card or the decoder and the conditional access module, is arranged in such a manner that switching between authorized and unauthorized devices is not possible.

[0006] According to the invention a method is provided, wherein a first device generates a random key (Ci) and transfers said key to a second device in a first message encrypted using a public key, wherein said second device decrypts the first encrypted message by means of a corresponding secret key to obtain said random key (Ci), wherein said random key is used to encrypt and decrypt further transmissions from said second to said first device.

[0007] According to the invention this method can be applied in a decoder for a pay TV system, wherein said decoder comprises a conditional access module and a smart card, wherein said method is applied to provide a secure communication between the control access module and the smart card or between the decoder and the conditional access module.

[0008] The invention further provides a decoder for a pay TV system, comprising a conditional access module and a smart card, said conditional access module comprising means for generating a random key (Ci), means for encrypting said key in a first encrypted message using a public key encryption method, means for transfer-

ing said first encrypted message to the smart card, said smart card comprising means for receiving and decrypting said first encrypted message to obtain said random key, means for encrypting transmissions to the conditional access module under said random key, said conditional access module having means to decrypt said transmissions received from the smart card.

[0009] In a further embodiment of the invention, said decoder comprises a conditional access module and a smart card, wherein said decoder comprises means for generating a random key (Ci), means for encrypting said key in a first encrypted message using a public key encryption method, means for transferring said first encrypted message to the conditional access module, said conditional access module comprising means for receiving and decrypting said first encrypted message to obtain said random key, means for encrypting transmissions to the decoder under said random key, said decoder having means to decrypt said transmissions received from the conditional access module.

[0010] The invention will be further explained by reference to the drawings in which an embodiment of the method of the invention is explained as applied in a decoder for a pay TV system.

[0011] Fig. 1 shows a block diagram of an embodiment of the decoder according to the present invention.

[0012] Fig. 2 shows a sequence of steps of an embodiment of the method of the invention.

[0013] Referring to fig. 1 there is shown in a very schematic manner a block diagram of a decoder for a pay TV system, wherein digital information signals are scrambled using a control word in accordance with the Eurocrypt standard for example. In this embodiment the decoder comprises a demodulator 1, a demultiplexer 2 and a decompression unit 3. The decoder further comprises a conditional access module or CAM 4 and a smart card 5 which can be inserted into a connection slot of the conditional access module 4. Further the decoder is provided with a microprocessor 6 for configuration and control purposes.

[0014] The conditional access module 4 is provided with a descrambler unit 7 and a microprocessor 8 having a memory 9. The smart card 5 comprises a microprocessor 10 having a memory 11.

[0015] As the operation of the above-mentioned parts of the decoder is not a part of the present invention, this operation will not be described in detail. Typically, the signal received by the demodulator 1 is a modulated data stream between 950 MHz and 2050 MHz. The output of the demodulator 1 is a scrambled digital data stream which is provided to the CAM 4 and the descrambler 7 will be allowed to descramble this scrambled data stream assuming that an authorized smart card has been inserted and the subscriber is entitled to receive the program. The descrambled data stream is demultiplexed by the demultiplexer 2 and decompressed and converted into the original analogue audio and video signal by the decompression unit 3.

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[0016] In a pay TV system the control word required for descrambling, is transferred to the subscribers in so-called entitlement control messages containing the control word encrypted using a service key. This service key is downloaded in the memory 11 of the smart card 5 by means of a so-called entitlement management message for example. During operation the CAM 4 transfers the entitlement control messages towards the microprocessor 10 of the smart card 5 so that the microprocessor 10 can process the entitlement control message and extract the control word. Thereafter the smart card 5 returns the decrypted control word towards the CAM 4 so that the descrambler 7 is allowed to descramble the digital data stream received from the demodulator 1.

[0017] In order to prevent the use of an unauthorized smart card 5 in combination with the CAM 4 it is important to provide a secure communication between the CAM 4 and the smart card 5. According to the present invention the following method is used to provide such a secure communication. The steps of this method are shown in fig. 2. When a smart card is inserted into the decoder, the microprocessor 8 of the CAM 4 will generate two random numbers Ci and A. The microprocessor 8 will encrypt in a first message the random numbers Ci and A under a public key of the CAM 4. The thus obtained first message is transferred to the smart card 5 and the microprocessor 10 will decrypt this first message using the secret key of the CAM 4. Thereafter the microprocessor 10 will return a second message to the CAM 4, said second message being the random number A encrypted under the number Ci used as encryption key. The microprocessor 8 of the CAM 4 decrypts this second message and verifies whether the random number A is correct. Assuming that the random number A is indeed correct, so that it may be assumed that the inserted smart card 5 is an authorized smart card, the CAM 4 will then forward entitlement control messages containing the encrypted control word to the smart card 5 which will process the entitlement control message and extract the control word in a conventional manner. However, in the return message towards the CAM 4, the smart card will forward the extracted control word encrypted under the key Ci and these encrypted control words are decrypted by the microprocessor 8 using the same key Ci. As soon as one tries to replace the inserted smart card 5 by an other smart card, for example by switching from the authorized smart card 5 to an unauthorized smart card, the CAM 4 will immediately establish such change as the key Ci will not be known to the new smart card, so that the CAM will no longer be able to descramble the return messages containing the control word. Thereby the descrambler unit 7 will be disabled.

[0018] The method described can be used in the same manner for providing a secure communication between the CAM 4 and the decoder, wherein the same protocol as shown in fig. 2 is followed.

[0019] In summary it will be understood that if a new

CAM 4 is connected to the other decoder parts, the microprocessor 6 of the decoder will generate the two random numbers Ci and A and as soon as the microprocessor 6 has decrypted the second message received from the microprocessor 8 of the CAM 4, and has verified that the random number A is correct, the key Ci will be used in all transmissions between the CAM 4 and the microprocessor 6.

[0020] The invention is not restricted to the above-described embodiments which can be varied in a number of ways within the scope of the claims. As an example for a further embodiment the CAM (i.e. the descrambler) may be part of the decoder. The decoder would now challenge the smart card to authenticate itself to obtain a secure communication between the smart card and the decoder.

Claims

1. Method for providing a secure communication between two devices (4, 5), wherein a first device (4) generates a random key (Ci) and transfers said key to a second device (5) in a first message encrypted using a public key, wherein said second device (5) decrypts the first encrypted message by means of a corresponding secret key to obtain said random key (Ci), wherein said random key is used to encrypt and decrypt transmissions from said second to said first device.
2. Method according to claim 1, wherein after decrypting said encrypted message, said second device (5) first returns said random key (Ci) in a second encrypted message with an authentication to said first device (4).
3. Method according to claim 2, wherein for providing said authentication said first device (4) further generates a random number (A) and transfers this random number (A) together with said random key (Ci) in said first encrypted message to the second device (5), wherein the second device uses said random number (A) for authentication in the second encrypted message.
4. Method according to claim 3, wherein said second device (5) encrypts said random number (A) under said random key (Ci) to obtain said second encrypted message.
5. Application of the method of anyone of the preceding claims in a decoder for a pay TV system, wherein said decoder comprises a conditional access module (CAM) (4) and a smart card (SC) (5), wherein said method is applied to provide a secure communication between the control access module (4) and the smart card (5).

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6. Application of the method of anyone of claims 1-4 in a decoder for a pay TV system, wherein said decoder comprises a conditional access module (CAM) (4) and a smart card (SC) (5), wherein said method is applied to provide a secure communication between the decoder and the conditional access module (4).

7. Decoder for a pay TV system, comprising a conditional access module (4) and a smart card (5), said conditional access module comprising means (8) for generating a random key (Ci), means (8) for encrypting said key in a first encrypted message using a public key encryption method, means (8) for transferring said first encrypted message to the smart card, said smart card (5) comprising means (10) for receiving and decrypting said first encrypted message to obtain said random key, means (10) for encrypting transmissions to the conditional access module under said random key, said conditional access module (4) having means (8) to decrypt said transmissions received from the smart card.

8. Decoder according to claim 7, wherein said smart card (5) comprises means (10) for returning said random key to the conditional access module in a second encrypted message with an authentication.

9. Decoder according to claim 8, wherein said generating means (8) of the conditional access module (4) further generates a random number which is included in said first encrypted message, wherein the smart card (5) is adapted to use said random number as authentication in the second encrypted message.

10. Decoder for a pay TV system, comprising a conditional access module (4) and a smart card (5), wherein said decoder comprises means (6) for generating a random key (Ci), means (6) for encrypting said key in a first encrypted message using a public key encryption method, means (6) for transferring said first encrypted message to the conditional access module (4), said conditional access module comprising means (8) for receiving and decrypting said first encrypted message to obtain said random key, means (8) for encrypting transmissions to the decoder under said random key, said decoder having means (6) to decrypt said transmissions received from the conditional access module.

11. Decoder according to claim 10, wherein said conditional access module (4) comprises means (8) for returning said random key to the decoder in a second encrypted message with an authentication.

12. Decoder according to claim 11, wherein said generating means (6) of the decoder further generates

a random number which is included in said first encrypted message, wherein the conditional access module (4) is adapted to use said random number as authentication in the second encrypted message.

Patentansprüche

1. Verfahren zur gesicherten Kommunikation zwischen zwei Geräten (4, 5) bei dem ein erstes Gerät (4) einen Zufallsschlüssel (Ci) generiert und diesen Schlüssel an ein zweites Gerät (5) in einer ersten Nachricht überträgt, die durch Benutzen eines allgemein bekannten Schlüssels verschlüsselt ist, wobei dieses zweite Gerät (5) die erste verschlüsselte Nachricht entschlüsselt, mit Hilfe eines entsprechenden geheimen Schlüssels, um den Zufallsschlüssel (Ci) zu erhalten, wobei dieser Zufallsschlüssel benutzt wird, um Übertragungen von dem zweiten zu dem ersten Gerät zu verschlüsseln und entschlüsseln.

2. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei dem nach Entschlüsseln der verschlüsselten Nachricht das zweite Gerät (5) zuerst den Zufallsschlüssel (Ci) in einer zweiten verschlüsselten Nachricht mit einer Authentifizierung an das erste Geräte (4) zurückschickt.

3. Verfahren nach Anspruch 2, bei dem für das Bereitstellen dieser Authentifizierung das erste Gerät (4) ferner eine Zufallsziffer (A) generiert und diese Zufallsziffer (A) zusammen mit dem Zufallsschlüssel (Ci) in der ersten verschlüsselten Nachricht an das zweite Geräte (5) überträgt, wobei das zweite Gerät diese Zufallsziffer (A) zur Authentifizierung in der zweiten verschlüsselten Nachricht benutzt.

4. Verfahren nach Anspruch 3, bei dem das zweite Gerät (5) die Zufallsziffer (A) mit dem Zufallsschlüssel (Ci) verschlüsselt, um die zweite verschlüsselte Nachricht zu erhalten.

5. Anwendung des Verfahrens nach einem der vorherigen Ansprüche bei einem Decoder für ein Pay-TV System, bei dem dieser Decoder ein bedingtes Zugriffsmodule (CAM)(4) und eine Chipkarte (SC)(5) mit umfaßt, wobei dieses Verfahren angewendet wird, um eine gesicherte Kommunikation zwischen dem Zugriffskontrollmodul (4) und der Chipkarte (5) bereitzustellen.

6. Anwendung des Verfahrens nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4 bei einem Decoder für ein Pay-TV-System, bei dem dieser Decoder ein bedingtes Zugriffsmodule (CAM)(4) und eine Chipkarte (SC)(5) mit umfaßt, wobei dieses Verfahren angewendet

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wird, um eine gesicherte Kommunikation zwischen diesem Decoder und dem bedingten Zugriffsmodul (4) bereitzustellen.

7. Decoder für ein Pay-TV-System, ein bedingtes Zugriffsmodul (4) und eine Chipkarte (5) umfassend, wobei dieses bedingte Zugriffsmodul Hilfsmittel (8) zur Generierung eines Zufallsschlüssels (Ci), Hilfsmittel (8) für die Verschlüsselung dieses Schlüssels in einer ersten verschlüsselten Nachricht unter Verwendung eines Verschlüsselungsverfahrens mit allgemein bekanntem Schlüssel, Hilfsmittel (8) für die Übertragung dieser ersten verschlüsselten Nachricht an die Chipkarte, wobei diese Chipkarte (5) Hilfsmittel (10) umfaßt für das Empfangen und Entschlüsseln dieser ersten verschlüsselten Nachricht, um den Zufallsschlüssel zu erhalten, und Hilfsmittel (10) für die Verschlüsselung von Übertragungen an das bedingte Zugriffsmodul mit dem Zufallsschlüssel umfaßt, wobei dieses bedingte Zugriffsmodul (4) Hilfsmittel (8) besitzt, um diese von der Chipkarte erhaltenen Übertragungen zu entschlüsseln.

8. Decoder nach Anspruch 7, bei dem diese Chipkarte (5) Hilfsmittel (10) umfaßt für das Zurückschicken dieses Zufallsschlüssels zu dem bedingten Zugriffsmodul in einer zweiten verschlüsselten Nachricht mit einer Beglaubigung.

9. Decoder nach Anspruch 8, bei dem diese generierenden Hilfsmittel (8) des bedingten Zugriffsmoduls (4) ferner eine Zufallsziffer generieren, welche enthalten ist in der ersten verschlüsselten Nachricht, wobei die Chipkarte (5) angepaßt wurde, diese Zufallsziffer als Authentifizierung in der zweiten verschlüsselten Nachricht zu benutzen.

10. Decoder für ein Pay-TV-System, ein bedingtes Zugriffsmodul (4) und eine Chipkarte (5) umfassend, wobei dieser Decoder Hilfsmittel (6) für die Generierung eines Zufallsschlüssels (Ci), Hilfsmittel (8) für die Verschlüsselung dieses Schlüssels in einer ersten verschlüsselten Nachricht unter Verwendung eines Verschlüsselungsverfahrens mit einem allgemein bekannten Schlüssel, Hilfsmittel (6) für das Übertragen dieser ersten verschlüsselten Nachricht an das bedingte Zugriffsmodul (4), wobei dieses bedingte Zugriffsmodul Hilfsmittel (8) umfaßt für das Empfangen und das Entschlüsseln dieser ersten verschlüsselten Nachricht, um den Zufallsschlüssel zu erhalten, und Hilfsmittel (8) für das Verschlüsseln von Übertragungen an den Decoder mit diesem Zufallsschlüssel umfaßt, wobei dieser Decoder Hilfsmittel (6) besitzt, um die von dem bedingten Zugriffsmodul empfangenen Übertragungen zu entschlüsseln.

11. Decoder nach Anspruch 10, bei dem dieses bedingte Zugriffsmodul (4) Hilfsmittel (8) für das Zurückschicken dieses Zufallsschlüssels zu dem Decoder in einer zweiten verschlüsselten Nachricht mit einer Authentifizierung umfaßt.

12. Decoder nach Anspruch 11, bei dem diese generierenden Hilfsmittel (6) des Decoders ferner eine Zufallsziffer generieren, welche enthalten ist in der ersten verschlüsselten Nachricht, wobei das bedingte Zugriffsmodul (4) angepaßt wurde, diese Zufallsziffer als Authentifizierung in der zweiten verschlüsselten Nachricht zu benutzen.

Revendications

1. Procédé destiné à établir une communication sûre entre deux dispositifs (4, 5), dans lequel un premier dispositif (4) génère une clé aléatoire (Ci) et transfère ladite clé vers un second dispositif (5) dans un premier message crypté en utilisant une clé publique, dans lequel ledit second dispositif (5) décrypte le premier message crypté au moyen d'une clé secrète correspondante afin d'obtenir ladite clé aléatoire (Ci), dans lequel ladite clé aléatoire est utilisée pour crypter et décrypter des transmissions depuis ledit second dispositif vers ledit premier dispositif.

2. Procédé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel après décryptage dudit message crypté, ledit second dispositif (5) renvoie tout d'abord ladite clé aléatoire (Ci) dans un second message crypté avec une authentification vers ledit premier dispositif (4).

3. Procédé selon la revendication 2, dans lequel pour fournir ladite authentification, ledit premier dispositif (4) génère en outre un nombre aléatoire (A) et transfère ce nombre aléatoire (A) en même temps que ladite clé aléatoire (Ci) dans ledit premier message crypté vers le second dispositif (5), dans lequel le second dispositif utilise ledit nombre aléatoire (A) en vue d'une authentification dans le second message crypté.

4. Procédé selon la revendication 3, dans lequel ledit second dispositif (5) crypte ledit nombre aléatoire (A) sous ladite clé aléatoire (Ci) pour obtenir ledit second message crypté.

5. Application du procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes dans un décodeur destiné à système de télévision payant, dans lequel ledit décodeur comprend un module d'accès conditionnel (CAM) (4) et une carte intelligente (SC) (5), dans lesquels ledit procédé est appliqué pour établir une communication sûre entre le module d'accès de commande (4) et la carte intelligente (5).

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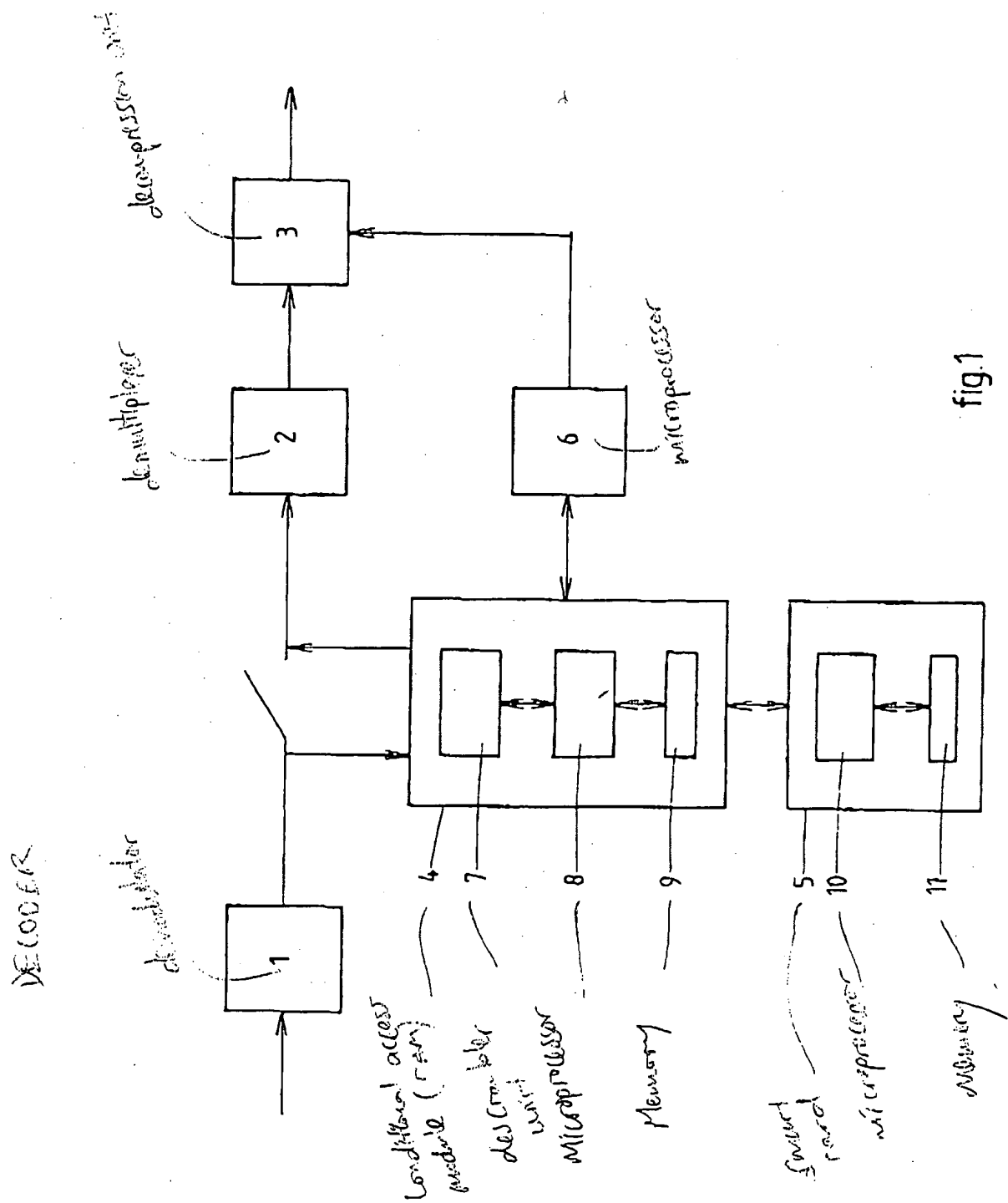
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6. Application du procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4 dans un décodeur destiné à un système de télévision payant, dans lequel ledit décodeur comprend un module d'accès conditionnel (CAM) (4) et une carte intelligente (SC) (5), dans lesquels ledit procédé est appliqué pour établir une communication sûre entre le décodeur et le module d'accès conditionnel (4). 5
7. Décodeur destiné à un système de télévision payant, comprenant un module d'accès conditionnel (4) et une carte intelligente (5), ledit module d'accès conditionnel comprenant un moyen (8) destiné à générer une clé aléatoire (CI), un moyen (8) destiné à crypter ladite clé dans un premier message crypté en utilisant un procédé de cryptage à clé publique, un moyen (8) destiné à transférer ledit premier message crypté vers la carte intelligente, ladite carte intelligente (5) comprenant un moyen (10) destiné à recevoir et à décrypter ledit premier message crypté afin d'obtenir ladite clé aléatoire, un moyen (10) destiné à crypter des transmissions vers le module d'accès conditionnel sous ladite clé aléatoire, ledit module d'accès conditionnel (4) comportant un moyen (8) pour décrypter lesdites transmissions reçues de la carte intelligente. 10 15 20 25
8. Décodeur selon la revendication 7, dans lequel ladite carte intelligente (5) comprend un moyen (10) destiné à renvoyer ladite clé aléatoire vers le module d'accès conditionnel dans un second message crypté avec une authentification. 30
9. Décodeur selon la revendication 8, dans lequel ledit moyen de génération (8) du module d'accès conditionnel (4) génère en outre un nombre aléatoire qui est inclus dans ledit premier message crypté, dans lequel la carte intelligente (5) est conçue pour utiliser ledit nombre aléatoire en tant qu'authentification dans le second message crypté. 35 40
10. Décodeur destiné à un système de télévision payant, comprenant un module d'accès conditionnel (4) et une carte intelligente (5), dans lequel ledit décodeur comprend un moyen (6) destiné à générer une clé aléatoire (CI), un moyen (8) destiné à crypter ladite clé dans un premier message crypté en utilisant un procédé de cryptage à clé publique, un moyen (6) destiné à transférer ledit premier message crypté vers le module d'accès conditionnel (4), ledit module d'accès conditionnel comprenant un moyen (8) destiné à recevoir et à décrypter ledit premier message crypté afin d'obtenir ladite clé aléatoire, un moyen (8) destiné à crypter des transmissions vers le décodeur sous ladite clé aléatoire, ledit décodeur comportant un moyen (6) pour décrypter lesdites transmissions reçues du module d'accès conditionnel. 45 50 55
11. Décodeur selon la revendication 10, dans lequel ledit module d'accès conditionnel (4) comprend un moyen (8) destiné à renvoyer ladite clé aléatoire vers le décodeur dans un second message crypté avec une authentification.
12. Décodeur selon la revendication 11, dans lequel ledit moyen de génération (6) du décodeur génère en outre un nombre aléatoire qui est inclus dans ledit premier message crypté, dans lequel le module d'accès conditionnel (4) est conçu pour utiliser ledit nombre aléatoire en tant qu'authentification dans le second message crypté.

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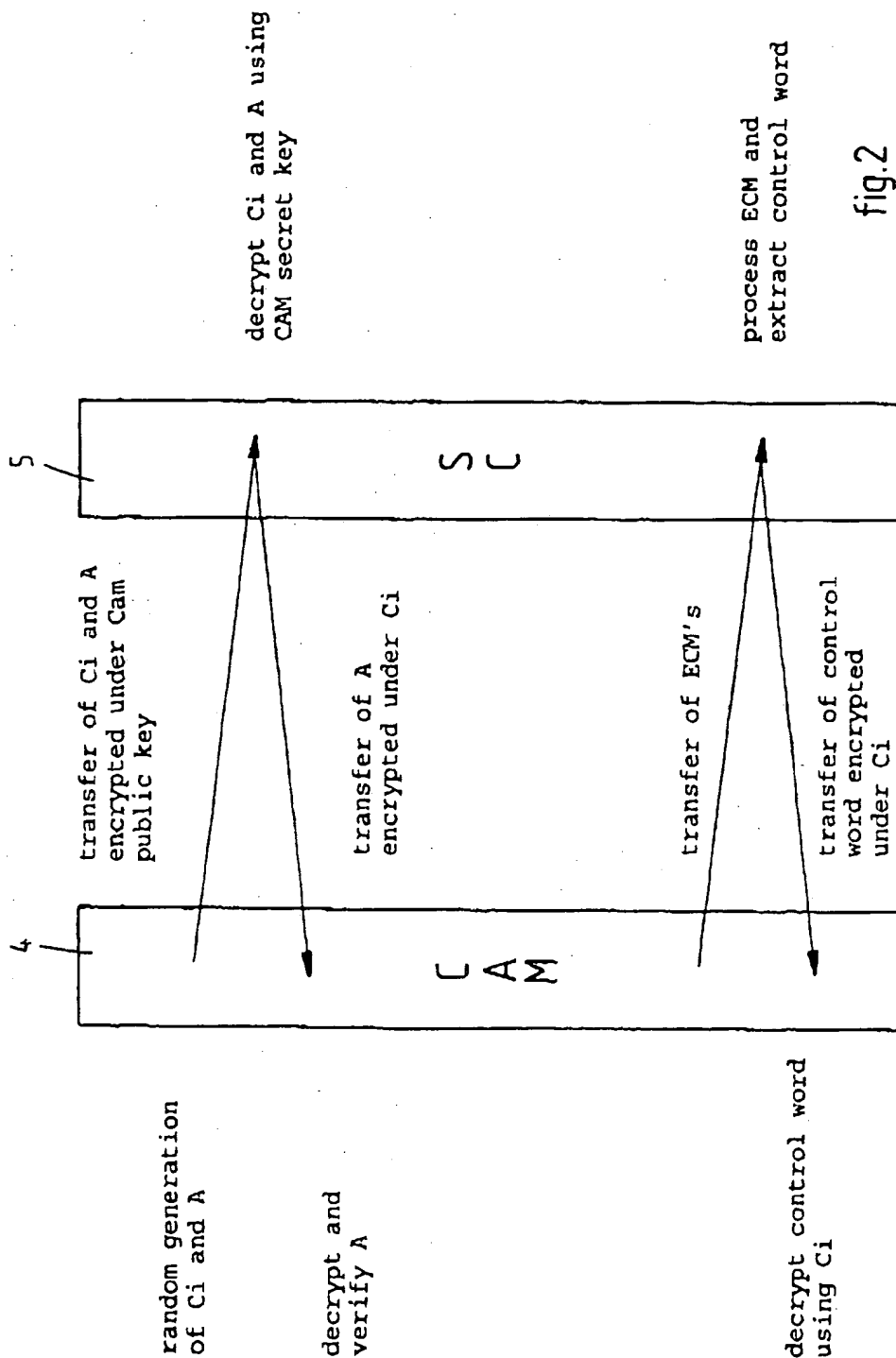


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